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MS. DRENON: My name is Vicki Drenon. And I'm

3 reading these letters from -- this letter from Eureka County
4 for the record. It's addressed to Mr. Lake Barrett, acting
5 director, regarding October 5, 2001, public hearing sessions
6 in Crescent Valley, Eureka County, Nevada.

7 "Dear Mr. Barrett: Eureka County, Nevada, is an
8 affected unit of local government under Section 116 of the
9 Nuclear Waste Policy Act as amended.

10 "In letters to you dated May 21st, 2001, and
11 September 28th, 2001, we requested a full hearing on site
12 consideration to be held in Crescent Valley, Nevada.

13 "We recently learned that the Department of Energy
14 has scheduled 29 public hearing sessions, including two in
15 Crescent Valley. While we appreciate that DOE is willing to
16 come to rural Nevada counties to collect input from the
17 public on the Yucca Mountain Project, we are shocked by the
18 short notice provided.

19 "You may be aware we previously informed your
20 contractor that the Eureka County Board of Commissioners is
21 meeting on Friday, October 5th, at the county seat in
22 Eureka, 124 miles away.

23 "Due to this conflict and the short lead time for
24 getting the word out, we do not anticipate a turnout at the
25 October 5th field hearing, and our county officials will be
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1 unable to attend or participate. We expect to attend the
2 October 10th meeting and we are encouraging the Eureka
3 County residents to participate at that meeting.

4 "At the Draft EIS hearing, an overflow crowd
5 turned out in Crescent Valley to comment on that document.
6 Those residents are still waiting to read the final EIS and
7 the comment response document to understand how DOE
8 responded to their comments. Without the release of the
9 final EIS or the actual site recommendation, we believe
10 these hearings are premature.

11 "After DOE issues the final EIS and site
12 recommendation is forthcoming, we request a full public
13 hearing in Crescent Valley.

14 "Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely,
15 Leonard Fiorenzi, program director."

16 Okay. Next letter. Testimony of Governor Kenny
17 K. Guinn, U.S. Department of Energy Public Hearing,
18 September 5th, 2001.

19 "Good evening. On behalf of the citizens of the
20 State of Nevada, I would like to welcome you here this
21 evening and hope my remarks and the remarks of the many